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Elizabeth Hernandez is volunteer of the Year for C.L. Brumback Center

Elizabeth Hernandez of Pahokee was honored as Volunteer of the Year for the Palm Beach County C.L. Brumback Health Center recently.

Ms. Hernandez is the Community Relations Specialist for the Palm Beach County Health Care District office in Belle Glade and a former member of the health department.

A single mother of two active boys, she still finds time to volunteer on several boards, including P.A.T.C.H. (Planned Approach to Community Health) and was recently elected Vice-Chairman. She is a member of the Pahokee Rotary, a member of the Chamber of Commerce in both Belle Glade and Pahokee and an alumni of Leadership Glades. She has worked on the committee for the Family Forum and is the coordinator for the Third Family Forum. She worked with the Fourth Annual Healthfest committee, which was held at St. Mary's Church in Pahokee and is Vice-President of the Community Service Board of the C.L. Brumback Health Center.

## Foley succeeds in getting money for small business incubators

Rep. Mark Foley, R-FL, joined by Rep. Dave Weldon, R-FL, succeeded in amending the NASA budget for fiscal year 1998 and 1999 to establish a \$10 million account for each year to be spent on the establishment of small business incubators in the State of Florida and throughout the nation.

"I am delighted that my fellow members of the Science Committee voted in favor of the small business incubators. I believe that this investment in technological based businesses in our area will not only be a boost for the local economy but will also demonstrate what a community can do if it works together," Rep. Foley said.

This federal money will be made available to facilitate the business goals of first time business men and women. These facilities would provide them with business plans, office space, telephones, fax machines and other basic things required to get a small business off the ground. There is a requirement that business incubators applying for these funds must also receive at least forty percent matching funds and obtain significant participation from local community colleges.

## Postal carriers collecting food for needy in the Glades

Postal carriers in the Glades will be handling more than mail on Saturday. Carriers will be collecting non-perishable food items for distribution to local charities in our community. The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, the AFL-CIO, and United Way, are sponsoring the collection on Saturday May 10.

Residents are asked to place a food donation by your mailbox on Saturday. Your mail carrier will pick it up and deliver it to a local food bank.

## Roundup at Canal Point Ele.

Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School will hold their annual Kindergarten Round-up on Wednesday, May 21. Parents and preschool children, four and five years old, are invited to visit the kindergarten classes. For more information, call 924-6460.

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## Singletary and Norman easily defeat challengers to serve another two-year term

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Larry Wright wanted a seat on Pahokee's City Commission so badly he jumped out of an airplane, vowed to give back the salary for city improvements and said he would spend many hours at city hall to be available to the citizens. Voters rejected his offer and reelected Roy Singletary to his sixth term of office.

John Norman also squashed a challenge by newcomer George Kinsler to retain the seat he has held for 12 years.

City Clerk Debra Palmer said Singletary received 428 votes to Wright's 145. Norman received 393 votes to Kinsler's 181. Palmer said 25.7 percent of Pahokee's 2,425 registered voters turned out on Tuesday's election. "That's not bad, but we had hoped for more," she said.

Singletary, 62, ran a campaign based on his experience and former accomplishments. He said he was proud of the accomplishments made by the city and wanted to continue to serve.

Norman, 40, also noted his years of experience in city government and said he wants to continue to work to improve the town.

## City of Pahokee receives national award for local greenway

The City of Pahokee received a national honor with a grant from the Conservation Fund's American Greenways Program in Arlington, VA. The \$1000 will help to look for funding for the Pelican River Greenway to protect its natural boundary. In addition to the grant award, the City of Pahokee will be showcased as a national model for its innovative efforts to develop a greenway in the City of Pahokee.

The American Greenway DuPont Awards provide small grants of up to \$25,000 to nonprofit organizations and government agencies to help develop new action oriented greenway projects. The DuPont Awards provide seed money to spark creativity in conservation, outdoor recreation, and greenway development.

The City of Pahokee is one of 43 awards The Conservation Fund gave Pahokee this year for their innovative local efforts to protect greenways which is our case is the Pelican River.

According to the Conservation Fund's President, Patrick F. Noonan, "The projects selected this year represent some of the best grassroots conservation and greenway development efforts in the United States. TCF supports these local initiatives because they are thoughtful, action-oriented projects that will serve as models for other communities around the country.

The American Greenways DuPont Awards are made possible through the generous support of DuPont - a Fortune 100 Company committed to innovation in product development, safety, and environmental protection. The American Greenways DuPont Award Grants Review Committee, consisted of land use and conservation experts from around the country and was directed by the CEO of DuPont, The Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society. The committee selected grant recipients from 260 applications from 42 states and the District of Columbia.

## Power Team to perform in Belle Glade May 7 - 11

John Jacobs and the Power Team, a group of world class athletes, perform feats of strength such as blowing up hot water bottles until they explode, snapping out of two pairs of steel handcuffs, lifting huge telephone poles (on fire) over their heads, bending steel bars in their teeth, running through ten feet of ice with their skulls, ripping phone books in half and even laying between a bed of 4,000 sharp nails with another man on top of them pressing 400 pounds.

John Jacobs, leader and founder of the Power Team stands 6'4" and weighs 320 pounds. He has 23" biceps and measures almost 5' around his chest. He can curl 350 pounds, bench press 600 pounds, bend 3" of steel in his teeth, rip telephone books in half and break 40 baseball bats one after another.

Eddie Dalcour is a two-time California Body Building Champion and runner up in the Mr. America contest. His nickname is the "Gripper," because over 50 men, 25 pulling on each arm, cannot break his grip. Smiley Elmore was 11 years old when he saw the Power Team on television. He never dreamed that one day he, too, would be amazing audiences with his ability to burst through 5' of concrete with one blow of his skull. He played for the University of Missouri where he set many records as a running back and was runner up for the Heisman trophy.

Brad Tuttle stands 6'4" and weighs 260 pounds. He was in the Navy Special Forces and is a former National Powerlifting Champion. He can reportedly run through a wall of ice with lighting speed.

James Henderson, a native of Miami and new to the team, has been named the World's Strongest Man for the past three years.

These giant men will be performing nightly at 7 p.m. at the new Glades Central High School gym on State Road 715 in Belle Glade, May 7-11. A donation of \$2 at the door is requested.



YEE HAW!...It was dress up night at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center as staff and patrons wore western garb for the center's series final performance. Riders in the Sky, three well-known cowboys singing three-part harmony, played Saturday evening at the center. Shown above, L-R: DHCAC Customer Service Representative Maria Mills, DHCAC Manager Leigh Woodham and Promotion Specialist Deborah Raulerson. Seated on the saddle is Glades Campus Provost Dr. Helen Franke.



CELEBRITIES IN 5-GALLON HATS...Members of Riders in the Sky were gracious enough to stay after their performance at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Saturday evening to sign autographs. Ranger Doug and Too Slim are shown signing autographs for Scott and Leanna Robinson of Belle Glade.

## Leadership Glades accepting applications

Leadership Glades is accepting applications for the 1997-98 Leadership class.

Leadership is a concentrated program designed to prepare potential leaders to meet the challenges facing the Glades.

The six sessions are held Water Management.

October through March and they cover the following topics:

Health and Human Services, Business and Economy, Agriculture, Government, Education, Environment and

## Nine families to move into new homes, thanks to Centro Campesino

"Now I feel good about paying the 'house bill' because I know the money is going to my family's future," says one resident who will be moving to his new home soon.

Ribbon cutting for nine new low income homes is this morning at 561 S.W. 10th Street, Belle Glade. Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc., a not for profit Community Development Corporation, will host the ribbon cutting at 10 a.m.

According to Phil Anderson with Centro Campesino, the three and four-bedroom homes have a total living area of 1,287 feet and are designed for very low to low income families. The homes were made affordable by a second mortgage through state and federal funds, includ-

ing State Housing Initiatives Program, and the Home Investment Partnership Program, as well as Community Development Block Grant funds.

The programs are administered by Remar Harvin of the Department of Housing and Community Development. The Community Financing Consortium, an association of 16 banks working in the Glades area, directed by Art Fleming, provided affordable first mortgages to the families.

Let anyone think it wasn't a struggle for some of these families to meet the criteria for the homes, it should note that they undergo credit checks just as other home buyers must endure, plus, each family had to come up with about \$2,000 to pay part of the down payment and closing costs.

According to the 1990 census, the number of owner-occupied housing units in the Glades area is approximately one-half that of the county-wide area (37% vs. 72%).

"With 63% of all units occupied by renters, the demand of families who rent to buy their first home is very high in the Glades area. Centro Campesino is the only non-profit community-based organization working in the Glades area that provides first time home buyers opportunities to low-income families, and have moved over 70 families into their first homes over the past 3 years," said Mr. Anderson.

# New Technology Scans the Sky for Lightning

By Mike Lyons

It was the biggest challenge Steve MacKinnon had ever faced. As head of Metro-Dade Fire and Rescue, MacKinnon was in charge of last year's search for the victims of ValueJet Flight 592. The jet and all of its passengers crashed into the Florida Everglades last May.

MacKinnon and his crew worked for weeks in an open swamp, surrounded by water moccasins, alligators and large mosquitoes. But the biggest threat to the searchers was the weather, particularly lightning.

"Lightning is a problem, especially in the afternoon," said MacKinnon. "The terrain is so flat that we're basically



Mike Lyons

the highest things out there."

To protect his crew, MacKinnon used a new type of lightning detector called SkyScan. Designed and developed by a small Tampa company, SkyScan is the first com-

puterized hand-held lightning detector.

Turning on your AM radio will tell you that a lightning storm is nearby. The lightning bolt causes static—but the radio can't tell you where the storm is located. SkyScan not only detects the lightning but can calculate its distance.

SkyScan uses thimble-sized antennas to detect bursts of electromagnetic radiation in the form of very low frequency radio signals generated by the lightning flashes. A microchip analyzes each incoming signal.

"A lightning bolt produces a burst of white noise that occurs primarily under frequencies of one megahertz," said Edward Shaver, the designer of SkyScan. "That's where most

of the energy is focused."

Saved said he discovered certain "idiosyncrasies" about lightning's electromagnetic profile that can be used to distinguish it from other signals. "There are certain frequencies that we found have a little more activity," he said.

These frequencies determine the strength and distance of the lightning bolt. SkyScan reports the distance of the bolt in four categories: 0-3 miles, 3-8 miles, 8-20 miles and 20-40 miles.

Shaver tested SkyScan during the summer of 1994 at a little league baseball camp in Pennsylvania. "It never failed," said Dennis Sullivan, a spokesman for the camp.

Over six weeks, SkyScan lit

up with alarms only twice, warning of the two lightning storms that occurred during that period. "In both instances, we took the kids off the field and we were glad we did," said Sullivan.

Last year, Shaver began marketing SkyScan around the country. The response has been tremendous. "We've sold our products to schools, golf courses and baseball teams," said Shaver. "Everyone is very pleased."

Shaver said he is not trying to replace the National Weather Service. "Keep in mind that we only detect lightning," he said. "We are not trying to predict where a lightning bolt might strike."

What SkyScan can do is give

the user real-time warning of what's going on within 40 miles of your location. And, you'll have that information instantaneously.

Steve MacKinnon is convinced SkyScan saved lives last year in the Everglades. "We monitored SkyScan and when it signaled lightning was in the area, we'd get our people to safety," he said. "It kept us safe so we could do our job."

SkyScan retails for about \$230. It is manufactured by SkyScan Technologies of Tampa.

## PBCC Glades Campus Honors Students

Palm Beach Community College's Glades Campus held its seventh annual Academic Excellence and Service Awards ceremony April 15 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Awards were presented as follows: Business, Gloria Ries; and a certificate awarded to Shannon Musgrave Communications, Amy Douglas; certificate recipients included Cedric Austin, Wanda Jackson, Matthew Lowery, Andrea Marotta, Manuel Perry and Afifeh Shatra.

Other awards were given to

beginning poets we reserve the right to publish the winning poems!"

To enter, send one poem only (21 lines or less) to: Free Poetry Competition, 1412 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 147, Austin Texas 78741-1320

## Poetry Competition Open to Local Poets

You may enter a new poetry competition sponsored by the Texas Poetry Alliance, a liberal arts organization whose

goal is to excite interest in poetry. The grand prize is a whopping \$1,000 and everyone invited to enter a poem free.

The guidelines are simple. Your poem may be written on any subject, using any style, but must be your own work. Deadline for entering is May 21. Winners will be announced by the last week in June and a winners list sent to all

entrants.

Says noted Poetry Director Robert Mearns, "Florida has a great reputation for producing fine poets and we think this contest will yield exciting results. As an incentive to beginning poets we reserve the right to publish the winning poems!"

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(21 lines or less) to: Free Poetry Competition, 1412 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 147, Austin Texas 78741-1320

Matthew Lowery, certificates

were awarded to Hadyn Rojas and Jonas Rosius; Social

Science, Oswald Thomas; certi-

ficate recipients included Patrice Elysee and Andrea

Marotta; and Science, Christi

na Johnson; certificates were given to Lisa Bobbit, Matthew Lowery, Andrea

Marotta and Marie Miller.

Scholastic excellence certi-

cates, GPA 4.0, 24 or more

credit hours went to Donna

Atwood, Ermasue Bailey, Kelley Anne Dooley, Marie

Haire, Larry Lamb, Gloria

Macia, Stephanie Marsh,

Donna Miller, Shannon

Musgrave, Gloria Ries, Susan

L. Termini, Manuel Perry and

Judy Williams.

Those students who main-

tained a 3.75 to a 3.99 GPA

and attained 24 more credits

were recognized: Jolene Brown,

Keith Baldwin, Mark Cantrell,

Timothy Dixon, Lewis Glintz,

Jean Jarvis, Deneda King,

Tara Leavy, Matthew Lowery,

Susan McMillan, Tracy

McPherson, Harold Miller,

Barbara Milligan, Anne

Pender, Bonnie Perry, Cajun

Qian, Ramona Ramos, Grace

Rives, Ann Thigpen, Linette

Speranza, Lisa Stevens, John

Strattemeyer, Kathleen Wegner

and Doyle Wilson.

Recognition was also given

for maintaining a 4.0 GPA and

attaining between 15 and 23

credit hours: Carolyn Bishop,

James Booth, Barbara

Davidson, Susan McCraine,

Maryuri Rojas and Lisa

Timyski. For maintaining a

3.75 to a 3.99 GPA and having

attained between 15 and 23

credit hours, the following stu-

dents were recognized: Mitzi

Davis, Anne Laureano, Laura

Mayo, Paula Perez and Afifeh

Shatra.

College Prep Certificates

were awarded in the following

areas: English, Patricia Miller

and Frank Perry; Reading,

Ernest Denoyer and Wilsand

Rosius; Mathematics, Sue

Bailey, Newanya Belgrave and

Marie Petithomme. Work

Study/Student Assistant

Certificates included: Rina

Arias, Timothy Dixon and

Marie Petithomme. The Glynn-

Stone Financial Scholarship

was given to Oswald Thomas.

First year President's

Scholars included: Bryan Alls,

Pearle Alonso, Guillerminda

Baltazar, Jaquay Byrd, Edgar

Campbell, James Dalley, Alicia

Dominguez, Jecquelaine

Fenelon, Kizzy Frazier,

Lashon trell Hardin, Jewel

Hart.

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## GLADES ART GROUPS' MAY SHOW AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM A. THIEBAUD...

He painted many subjects, but his favorite was his childhood scenes in Illinois. Pictured holding one of his paintings is Mr. Thiebaud's wife, Betty.

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# Medical Services

## Celebrate National Nurse's Week

This week we will celebrate National Nurse's Week throughout the country. Nurses are a very special "breed" apart, as far as I'm concerned. With countless other occupations, time-off involves putting aside your day to day work duties and, for a moment or two, forgetting what you do to make a living. Nurses, however, never really get away from their vocations, because it has become part of their personalities, interwoven into the very fabric of their lives.

Nurses today have one of the



Paula Swaford, RN

most difficult jobs in existence. Good nurses become true advocates for their patients. According to the dictionary, an

advocate is one who speaks, pleads, or argues in favor of, argues for a cause, or pleads in another's behalf. It takes a very special person to sit and listen to someone who just wants to talk, or hold the hand of someone taking their last breath. Nurses are counselors, computer technicians, trouble shooters, and managers all rolled up into one nice, neat, caring bundle of efficiency. Nursing today is not the stereotypical emptying of bed pans, or being handmaidens to the doctors, but it involves using finely tuned observation

skills, making split second judgements, and having highly proficient care giving qualities.

Tough decisions are commonplace for nurses. There are many problems to be solved. Confidentiality must be maintained. Many times the nurse gets caught in the middle, so to speak and she must make difficult decisions. I came across this poem several years ago by Ruth Pease, RN, from New Orleans, Louisiana that seems to touch on our dilemmas very well.

**"Decide, Nurse, Decide"**

Eyes looking deep, out of  
My own mirror.  
What is right?  
Principles, practicalities  
Somersault  
Weighing, balancing  
Always the right/wrong, yes/no  
questions.  
She looked at me,  
Eyes, pain-full and brimming.  
I'm dying aren't I?  
They won't tell me.  
No, no says the doctor, she'll  
get  
Depressed  
(or is it that He will?)

Never, says the family, she'll  
get upset  
(or is it that they will?)

Hmmmm agrees the team.  
Out a limb.  
Who speaks for her?  
Sham-right's! Fare-honesty!  
Then again...  
Maybe she half-way knows  
already?  
Tell me nurse. Trusting  
Crab fishes devouring blood  
and bones - Unfair!  
At least she could die  
Circled in honesty.  
Decide, nurse, decide.

## Look Beneath the Surface of Nursing Home Sensationalism

The continued negative portrayal and misrepresentation of Florida's nursing homes by various news media organizations, some trial attorneys, and a lone capital coalition are simply not true and a disservice to the consumer and the public at large. An informed public must delve below the surface sensationalism to gain a balance and air assessment of the long term care industry in this state.

If you look beyond the headlines you will find societal issues and concerns play a key role in the debate. Is it a part

of our culture's fear of mortality? Is it from the misconception that nursing homes are a final resting place for elderly? Is it a younger generation's dislike for entitlements for seniors?

The fact of the matter is nursing homes in Florida provide good, quality care.

Nursing homes in Florida employ highly dedicated, compassionate health care professionals who deliver high quality care to the state's frail elderly and disabled populations. The Agency for Health Care Administration acknowledges that ".95 percent of Florida's

nursing homes meet or exceed state standards." Doug Cook, the head of the agency agrees, "The job of a nurse, nursing home director and physician directing and improving care in a nursing home is the toughest job in the health care industry."

The long term care community understands that a small percentage of facilities encounter difficulty, and account for the continual ground swell of antagonism toward nursing homes. There is no other business in Florida that is undergoing the negative

marketing and media attacks as are endured by Florida's nursing homes. There is no other business people love to put down or hate as much as nursing homes. Look at your daily newspaper and watch your local evening news. It's less than five percent of nursing homes that are casting a shadow of doubt over the entire industry.

Long term care are not apologists for this small group of poor performing facilities. There is no excuse for poor care. In fact, the Florida Health Care Association, who

represents both for profit and not for profit nursing homes, works diligently with all of its members to educate and promote the practice of the highest quality of care to the chronically ill, the convalescent and the aged.

As taxpayers we all pay federal income taxes and state taxes to fund the oversight of Florida's nursing homes and assisted living facilities by the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Elder Affairs. Complicated mechanisms, tough laws and civil monetary penalties are in place to care-

fully monitor, assess and correct where applicable, the care provided in the state's nursing homes.

The long term care community works constantly to educate society and government to invest in the well-being of elderly and disabled individuals and to assure access to long term care. It is essential to work as partners with the government and the consumer in developing necessary and reasonable public policies which will balance economic and regulatory principles to support quality care and quality life for all who need long term care.

It is imperative that the public be provided a balanced view, rather than a narrow, targeted campaign that will negatively affect the majority of nursing homes providing excellent health care.

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## Caring Companions - a new solution to an old problem

Anyone who has ever been faced with trying to find a reputable, dependable, trustworthy individual to stay with their loved one while they have to work or be away from the house will appreciate "Caring Companions," a new referral service specializing in providing personal care for elderly or disabled persons. This affordable addition to in-home medical care which allows senior citizens to remain independent in their homes, is now available in the Hendry-Glades county area.

"Caring Companions" under the direction of Nancy Swaford, provides sitters, Certified

Nursing Assistants (CNA) and sitter/homemakers at reasonable costs. Services include unskilled non-medical personal assistance such as cooking, laundry, house cleaning, errands and doctor's appointments. "Families with Alzheimer's patients will especially appreciate our service," she said.

Companions are given professional and personal background and reference checks, as well as law enforcement research checks through the local sheriff and police departments. HRS background screenings are done to assure the sitter has no history of

abuse or infectious disease, such as tuberculosis. CNAs are trained in CPR and all are required to be bonded. Sitter's wear photo identification badges that identify them as a member of the Registry.

Mrs. Swaford said her goal is to work with families on an individual basis to provide individualized and compassionate care. "In the past when people helped with loved ones, they only recouped what they knew someone who knew someone who might be able to help. With our new service, help will be a phone call away," she said. Mrs. Swaford has approximately 18 sitter/companions who

have completed the requirements and are ready and willing to work.

Companions are available from a minimum of four hours to a maximum of 24 hours per day. She also has women who are willing to do live-in care around the clock if needed. The service also provides women with childcare backgrounds and experience who are willing to do sick child sitting. When a parent faces the possibility of being out of work for several days due to a child's illness with a contagious disease like chickenpox, why not hire a sitter instead of losing time at work? Many daycare centers refuse to care for children and parents are left with few choices," said Mrs.

Swaford. She stressed that the agency is not a babysitting service, however. "We are here for another of those needs that governmental agencies can't fill."

Mrs. Swaford, a Lakesport resident, asked that you phone 983-7983 for further information.

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## Better Healthcare On The Way

(NAPS) According to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a new report prepared by four veterans' service organizations (VSOs) notes that at a time when the health care needs of America's veterans are increasing, the capacity of the VA health care system "may become more restrictive." These restrictions mean veterans will be turned away from the VA "just as they may not have other options and need it even more," states the VSOs' independent Budget report.

Current VA eligibility rules force VA doctors to treat veterans in costly hospital beds when outpatient care would be equally appropriate and far less expensive. However, a bill in Congress backed by the VFW is clarifying eligibility rules for treatment throughout the VA system and expanding outpatient care for veterans who have passed the House but still face Senate action.

In the newly released document, AMVETS, the Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Veterans of Foreign Wars note that the VA is facing a tight fiscal environment that "will make it difficult, if not impossible" to maintain healthcare services for veterans. In fact,

A budget proposal from Congress and the Clinton administration don't account for the effects of inflation during the next six years.

"At the same time, similar budget troubles are collapsing their public health infrastructures," the report said. Veterans who use VA often are eligible for other

healthcare programs, such as Medicaid and Medicare. On the other hand, veterans eligible for VA care often use Medicaid and Medicare rather than VA to attain health care. As resources for all of these programs are squeezed, veterans are likely to leave one program and attempt to access services through another."

The end result, concludes the report, is that "as space and resource limitations compel VA to abide more strictly by its priority system, current VA may fall out of its care system. In other words, veterans' needs may grow while VA's capacity may become more restrictive."

Despite VA's efforts to shift mission, reallocate resources, and implement new programs, "the current funding environment will make it difficult, if not impossible, to make these changes and maintain health care services for veterans," the independent Budget also notes.

In addition, additional fiscal restraints on veterans' healthcare are opposed by the majority of Americans, a recent public opinion survey found.

The poll, conducted for the veterans' organizations, found a solid majority of Americans believe the nation has a continuing obligation to provide healthcare and other benefits to veterans and, therefore, oppose budget cuts to veterans' programs. More than three-fourths of those who expressed an opinion said funding for veterans' programs should be increased to keep pace with inflation instead of being cut to

reduce the federal deficit or to pay for tax breaks. Additionally, 88 percent of survey respondents said the country has an obligation to provide ongoing medical care to the men and women who served in the armed forces.

The Independent Budget is an annual report prepared by AMVETS, the Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Veterans of Foreign War. The document is designed to provide meaningful input to policymakers at a time when VA's budget is being debated.

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## OPINION PAGE



**Feel strongly about local issues?**



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**Caller says Health Care District continues to waste taxpayer's money**

The debate over the HCD and their ability to effectively manage the local hospital always sparks lively conversation from the people of the Glades. For example, did you know that recently the HCD sanctioned a trip to the Philippines for recruitment of nurses for Glades General Hospital? This is so absurd I felt compelled to share a few facts with the general public.

Experts in hospital staffing and nursing management agree that in the year 1997 with the downsizing of professional nurses at the bedside of the patient has resulted in many nurses over the U.S.A. wondering if they will be able to find a job. However, South Florida, due to the seasonal influx, continues to be one of the few places where professional nurses are still very much in demand. Why not look and advertise in the U.S.A. for professional nurses before traveling half way across the world?

Additionally, it is the consensus of opinions that if GGH management treated their professional nursing staff with any degree of expertise, they would not have to look far for nurses.

Many nurses come to GGH to work but they do not stay. Here are a few of the reasons:

1. Bonus system for longevity discontinued by present management
2. Week end differential discontinued by present management
3. Differential for shifts reduced by present management
4. Work week reduced to 36 hours for all employees (most never get a 30 minute uninterrupted lunch or dinner anyway) At the end of the two week pay period these employees are paid for 69 hours, instead of the usual 80.
5. Employees who are local then seek additional employment at other area hospitals so they can make up the hours they are missing at GGH.
6. Hiring new nurses for more money per hour than present employees are making - nurses who are local and live in the Glades.
7. Overt discrimination of some employees with regard to paying for certifications required in the specialty areas. Newer employees were paid for theirs, older, tried and true employees were not. (I understand several

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**Letters to the editor**

Dear Editor:

This letter is dedicated to the Black Gold Jubilee Committee whose commitment, hard work, and long hours have made this the best Black Gold ever. I would like to thank Sue Teets, for the leadership she provided as Chair, and I want to express my gratitude to the Committee Chairs for the excellent job they did with their respective responsibilities.

The excitement began with the Children's Fishing Tournament, sponsored by the Belle Glade Fire Department, to whom I extend special appreciation, and concluded with the fireworks display. The weather could not have been better, it even made for an enjoyable 5K Walk/Run and during the day, prompted people to stay longer and enjoy the provided activities. It was a great day for just socializing, walking and taking in all the sights and sounds, listening to the great music, watching our children perform, and gazing upon the beauty of the Glades. The children's activities offered enough that I'm sure no child went wanting. The many food booths with wonderful Glades food, like everything else, offered something for everyone's taste.

Thank you, also, to the community, for your participation by attending, participating in the events, working in the many booths, and providing your generous support. I had the opportunity to speak with several persons from out-of-town, who expressed an appreciation for the obvious joy in living in a "small community."

Additionally, the employees of our city partici-

pated behind the scenes in preparation, and worked countless hours to make the Black Gold Jubilee a success. The Belle Glade Police Department provided security, safety, and organization to a record crowd. Thanks to all of you for your dedication and professionalism.

My greatest thanks and praises are to God for his bountiful blessings on our community, and for each and every one of you who helped make the 1997 Black Gold Jubilee such a tremendous success.

Sincerely,

J. Stephen Weeks  
Mayor

Dear Editor:

If anyone is looking for a creative advertising source, look no further than *The Sun* newspapers. Penny and Lee in the advertising department produced the innovative ad for our Main Street Madness Sidewalk Sale. It was fantastic! The only mistakes were mine! Thanks so much for your expertise and creativity.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank the merchants and organizations who participated. The level of participation was outstanding. Next year's event will be even better than this one!

Sincerely,  
Shirley Jarrel, Coordinator  
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**School kids use GIS computer program for global grasp of their world**

By Scott Adams  
University of Florida News

Future city planners and commissioners might find a new group of informed citizens investigating their proposals - middle and high school students using advanced mapping technology available at the University of Florida's P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School.

The Geographic Information System (GIS) is computer technology that provides extensive information about a specific region, which can be used in a variety of classroom lessons, said Paul Becht, a UF education professor and science and technology coordinator at P.K. Yonge. Arcview, as the GIS software is called, was introduced in the fall and is used by students in sixth through twelfth grade. Software also is being developed for students as young as 10.

The idea, at least in part, is to create a better informed public.

"This is a tremendous resource for students, which will hopefully start to increase community awareness," said Becht. "The program really gets the students involved. This is not a passive activity, like watching a video. This software gets students actively involved in setting out data bases and getting layouts on the computer."

Students can call up a region on a computer, then see what the effects of different data, such as increased population, rainfall or new construction would have on the area.

One of the lesson plans we used recently involved social studies questions in urban areas and population densities," Becht said. "The students looked at hazardous waste dumps, where they are located in the community and what the environmental impact is."

High school students have worked on a number of other urban planning projects, including road construction around greenways, urban demographics and business locations.

"The students can overlay where roads are going to be built and see how this will affect the ecology and environment of an area," Becht said. "They can also see the effect of proposed landfills on the aquifers and suggest more reasonable sites for the landfills."

The lesson plans being developed at P.K. Yonge soon will be available through the World Wide Web. This will give students the chance to collaborate with their peers around the world, and teachers would have access to P.K. Yonge's lesson plans.

"First, we are putting the information on a CD-ROM, then the information will be put on a Web site along with the lesson plans that we have developed," Becht said. "Downloading this information distributes our lesson plans for us right away."

Once students have access to the information on these data bases, Becht said, they can inform their parents, friends and other members of the community.

"We feel that if we can start in the schools, the students will acquaint their parents with the information they find, which will hopefully have a cascading effect throughout the community," Becht said. "This will put control of the environment back in the hands of the people."

**UF Researcher: Personality Type may influence TV viewing choices**

By Scott Adams  
University of Florida News

An energetic salesman is more likely to watch "Hard Copy" after a tough day at work, while the stereotypical lazy brother-in-law might watch videos on MTV for hours on end.

Those are some of the results from a University of Florida researcher's study that indicates personality type could explain not only what television shows different people watch, but also what specific emotional needs these shows fill.

"My study determined that a link exists between program choice and personality type," said Cynthia Frisby, a UF advertising doctoral student.

Those results also could be useful to advertisers.

"My theory is that people are sitting down to watch certain TV shows with very specific expectations and needs that for show to fill," Frisby said. "If commercials do not meet these

specific needs during this time period, they get zapped."

For example, if most people watching "Seinfeld" are watching primarily to be entertained, an informative car commercial would not be effective. An entertaining car commercial, however, would have a greater chance of catching the attention of the target audience.

"If we can define these shows by personality types, advertising could be much more effective," Frisby said. "This has serious implications for advertisers as well as programmers."

Frisby surveyed 289 people spanning a wide range of ages, education and income. The subjects answered questions relating to five major personality traits: Openness, extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness and emotional stability/neuroticism. Frisby found that the subjects' personality types not only influenced what television shows

they watched, but also why they watched them.

While the study showed that most groups of people watched television primarily for entertainment or escape reasons, people with different personality traits identified different reasons for watching specific types of shows.

"I found that antagonistic (hostile or rude) people tend to watch situation comedies for information," Frisby said. "This could be because they are unable to interact socially with people, so television plays a role in their emotional release."

Frisby also found that extraneous appearance to frequent viewing of soap operas and new magazine shows. Un-energetic people reported watching music videos frequently, and emotional stability was related to watching talk shows.

"What strikes me is that this research deals with the fund."

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**THE GOLF COMMITTEE**—Planning for the Glades Boys and Girls Club "Glades Classic Golf Tournament" are the following committee members: From left, Dale Morris, Dr. Martin Harland, John L. Rogers, Sue Teets, Brian Lohmann, and Bill Carter. The tournament is Saturday, May 31 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course. To register, call Tournament Chair Sue Teets at 996-0100.

## Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 682 complaints and worked 12 crime scenes the week of April 28-May 4. Those arrested included:

April 28 - Othell Wilcher, 35, retail theft.

April 29 - Gerard St. Simon, 35, aggravated assault; Diane Baker, 24, two counts of attempted murder.

April 30 - James Pringle, 45, trespassing after warning and resisting arrest without violence; Secundino Dela Cruz, 22, grand theft; Monique Jackson, 21, attempted mur-

der; James Kearse Jr., 39, battery.

May 1 - Tanya John, 25, attempted murder; Ernest Coney, 61, domestic battery; Juanita Lowe, 34, child abuse.

May 2 - Edwin Yerazes, 18, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Ephione Kelly, 40, retail theft.

May 3 - Vernon McClendon, 19, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Juvenile, 17, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Juvenile, 17, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

### Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Freddie Lee Jenkins, who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of grand theft of a motor vehicle, and violation of probation on charges of burglary of a structure and grand theft. He is also charged with driving without a driver's license.

Jenkins is 5'6" tall and weighs 180 pounds. His last known address was 441

Coconut Road, Apt. 15, Pahokee. He has black hair and brown eyes.

His date of birth is January 7, 1977. His Social Security number is 262-79-4869. His warrant was active as of April 29, 1997. If you know the whereabouts of Freddie Lee Jenkins, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Freddie Lee Jenkins

## Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 11 arrests the week of April 28-May 4. Those arrested included:

April 28 - Matthew Thomas, 21, burglary of a conveyance and criminal mischief; Arthur Humphrey, 25, burglary of a conveyance and criminal mischief; James E. Jones, 35, simple battery; Charles Freeman, 36, burglary of a residence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 29 - Collins McDonald, 44, burglary and throwing a deadly missile into an occupied vehicle; Ralph Williams, 54, burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 30 - Arthur Key, 57, warrant for violation of probation; Juvenile, 15, warrant for failure to appear for a hearing and escape.

May 1 - Roosevelt Mitchell, 24, warrant for strong armed robbery; Elliott Boone, 40, warrant for failure to appear.

May 2 - No arrests made.

May 3 - Johnnie Hall, 33, domestic assault and disorderly intoxication.

May 4 - No arrests made.

## Main Street Madness was a "Smashing Success"

Shepherd Church of God Children's Ministry will be the presenters of a show for children of all ages. On Friday, June 27, at 7 p.m., Pahokee Main Street will present the "Carol Peacock Showcase." Carol will be hosting the evening of gospel music that is certain to uplift and entertain.

Coming July 4th, Pahokee is celebrating "75th on the 4th." "Join us as we continue our Diamond Jubilee celebration," says Mrs. Jarriel. Several

events are planned throughout the day to culminate the fire works display at sunset.

You can join Pahokee Main Street as we work together to continue the revitalization process begin with our Charette in 1995," says Mrs. Jarriel. "There is a new spirit of excite-

## Glades Classic Golf Tournament is May 31

The Glades Boys and Girls Club is hosting the Glades Classic Golf Tournament at the Belle Glade Golf Course on Saturday, May 31.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with tee-off at 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$50 and includes 18 holes of golf, the cart, a goody bag, door prize ticket, two mulligans, and course refreshments.

The format is a four person scramble and golf course staff

will pair anyone needing golfing partners.

A hole-in-one on #17 will win someone a 1997 automobile, courtesy of Glades Ford in Belle Glade.

First place winner receives a \$100 gift certificate; second place, \$75 gift certificate; and third place winner receives a \$50 gift certificate.

Rewards will also be given for closest to the pin and

longest drive.

The Glades Classic Golf Tournament benefits the Boys and Girls Clubs in the Glades, which serve the largest membership of any Boys and Girls Clubs in Palm Beach County.

To sign up, call the Belle Glade Golf Course at 996-6605.

For more information, contact Dale Morris, Boys and Girls Club Chair at 996-8000 or Sue C. Teets, Tournament Chair, at 996-0100.

## TV Viewing...Continued from Page 4

almental question of why people consume television.

"Most research has dealt with the effects of watching television—what television does to people—rather than the more interesting question of

things, yet have time to watch television for three and a half hours, on that level the question becomes very important: What motivates people to use the medium?"

## Taxpayer's money...Continued from Page 4

employees have filed a complaint with the EEOC for discrimination practices. Reason stated for not paying was "We don't have the money." However, every new nurse hired was paid for their theirs. Recently, this practice has been stopped. How do you think the nurses who were discriminated against feel about this management practice?

Questions need to be asked. Answers must be correct. These are facts that cannot be disputed. Let's get real with the management of our local hospital and the recruitment of professional nurses now and demand accountability from the governing board of this hospital.

Glades General Hospital track record for hiring administrators and other management positions needs sharp critical evaluation. Taxpayers need to demand better management practices from the governing board of this hospital.

Glades Central hopes to become testing site.

The Glades Central Community High School Adult and Community Education Program has applied to become an official testing center for the Citizenship test. It is hoped that the site will be approved in about two months.

The adult Education Student Services staff will be training on Citizenship requirements and filling out forms. They will be available to help students with the IAMS application process. This assistance will be free.

For more information, contact Dr. Clarence W. Fuller, Jr., Assistant Principal, at 993-4404.

tal. Incidentally, this is just the tip of the iceberg. Many more irregularities could be uncovered if any one is interested in saving their hospital.

**Editor's note:** We spoke with Cecil Bennett, interim hospital administrator and Executive Director for the Palm Beach County Health Care District. He said interviews for a CEO at Glades General Hospital were conducted last week and he hopes to be able to make an announcement soon about a new administrator.

He said the trip to the Philippines, made by Director of Nursing Mary Weeks, was made to recruit experienced critical care nurses. Repeated attempts to recruit these nurses through advertising, locally and nationally, have not been particularly successful. This trip was at no cost to the hospital or the Palm Beach County Health Care District. Repre-

sentatives of Columbia Hospital Systems were also present recruiting nurses in this manner. Qualified, experienced nurses for critical care are having no difficulty finding jobs and are in demand by most hospitals.

Glades General is a public facility with monthly public board meetings. All citizens are welcome to attend. Mr. Bennett invites this person to call him directly to discuss of the issues in the Speak Out. He can be reached at 561-659-1270, Ext. 5525.



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## Military News

Navy Airman Tony D. Berryhill, Jr. is returning from the Mediterranean Sea on the U.S.S. *T. Roosevelt* May 22, 1997. He is stationed in Norfolk,

Virginia. While in the Navy, Berryhill has visited ports in Egypt, France, Italy, Spain and Greece.

Berryhill is the husband of Nicole Berryhill and the son of Tony and Brenda Berryhill.

He is a 1992 graduate of Glades Central Community High School.



Tony D. Berryhill, Jr.

## Everglades Regional Medical Center Birth Announcements

### APRIL 1997

3-31 Mr. Zeran L. Engram & Ms. Kitha Y. Coleman, Pahokee, son, Zeran Leonard, Jr., 6 lb. 11 oz.  
 4-1 Ms. Laketha L. Brooks, Belle Glade, daughter, Courtnie C. Sierra, 7 lb. 7 1/2 oz.  
 4-2 Ms. Heather Marie Floor, Okeechobee, daughter, Ruby Ann, 7 lb. 4 3/4 oz.  
 4-3 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Nieto (Lidia Alonso), Belle Glade, son, David, 7 lb. 13 1/4 oz.  
 4-3 Mr. Michael B. Banks, Sr. & Ms. Tanya L. Walker, Pahokee, son, Michael Bernard, Jr., 7 lb. 1 oz.  
 4-4 Mr. & Mrs. Joel K. Simmons (Melissa G. Cleveland), Okeechobee, son, Keegan Joel, 8 lb. 4 oz.  
 4-5 Ms. Vanisha L. Howard, Pahokee, son, Marquis Lavelle, 7 lb. 3 1/4 oz.  
 4-6 Ms. Janie McFadden, Pahokee, son, Demetrius Jamale, 4 lb. 8 oz.  
 4-6 Mr. Anthony L. Williams, Sr. & Ms. Blanca Fernandez, Belle Glade, son, Anthony Lenard, Jr., 8 lb. 3 oz.  
 4-8 Mr. Deoatis Peete, Sr. & Ms. Doreen Bryant, Belle Glade, daughter, Deontashae Sunette, 7 lb. 15 1/4 oz.  
 4-10 Mr. & Mrs. James E. Lozano (Amelia E. Gibson), Okeechobee, daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, 6 lb. 11 oz.  
 4-11 Mr. & Mrs. Noel Reid, Sr. (Maureen Phillips), Pahokee, son, Noel Keon, Jr., 7 lb. 4 oz.  
 4-12 Mr. Jermaine Strickland & Ms. LaSandia Fitzgerald, Pahokee, daughter, LaSandia Fitzgerald, Pahokee, daughter, Lopez, Belle Glade, daughter, Sofia Beatrice, 7 lb. 1/4 oz.  
 4-22 Mr. & Mrs. Barry J. Linville (Jacqueline Cress), Okeechobee, daughter, Julie Nicole, 7 lb. 3 3/4 oz.  
 4-23 Mr. & Mrs. Clemente Striver (Norma A. Gonzalez), Fort Pierce, daughter, Yarazeth Alicia, 5 lb. 10 1/4 oz.  
 4-23 Mr. & Mrs. Calvin E. Suggs, Jr. (Hope E. White), Okeechobee, son, Dalton Aaron, 8 lb. 1 oz.  
 4-24 Mr. & Mrs. Alonso Trevino (Carmen Flores), Belle Glade, Cecilia, 7 lb. 8 1/2 oz.  
 4-24 Mr. Darius T. White & Ms. Damek Coleman, Pahokee, daughter, Darinshen Rasha, 6 lb. 9 oz.  
 4-25 Mr. & Mrs. Baldwin Medrano, Sr. (Maria Del Luz Corona), Okeechobee, son, Baldwin, Jr., 9 lbs.  
 4-25 Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Rodriguez (Aurelia Martinez), Belle Glade, daughter, Jeannette, 6 lb. 3 1/2 oz.  
 4-27 Mr. Joel McCaskill & Ms. Tracy E. Crum, Clewiston, daughter, MaKenzie Reign, 7 lb. 7 3/4 oz.  
 4-27 Mr. Curtis L. Thornton, Jr. & Ms. Pearlicia McKenzie, Belle Glade, son, Cornelius Levonte, 6 lb. 4 1/4 oz.  
 4-28 Ms. Mario A. Garcia & Ms. Anabelle S. Garcia, Canal Point, daughter, Analiz, 7 lb. 15 oz.  
 4-30 Mr. & Mrs. Jaime Oliva (Elizabeth Rodriguez), Belle Glade, Twins, daughter, Abigail, 4 lb. 1 3/4 oz. & son, Giovanni, 5 lbs. 8 oz.  
 4-30 Mr. & Mrs. Troy N. Tyler (Jacquelyn R. Kauffman), Belle Glade, son, Troy Nicholas, 7 lb. 15 oz.



Waquita La'Shae Nelson

## Waquita La'Shae Nelson graduates with honors

Waquita La'Shae Nelson is the

daughter of Fitzroy and Josephine Hartley of South Bay.

Waquita received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology on April 26, 1997 from Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Waquita will pursue a job in her field locally or in the Jacksonville area.

Parents and family joined together to celebrate her graduation.

## Xi Beta Tau Sorority installs new members

Xi Beta Tau of Pahokee met Thursday evening, May 1, 1997 at the home of Julia Wilkinson where new officers for the 1997/98 term took their oaths of office as follows:

**President** - JoAnn Law (by proxy)

**Vice President** - Julia Wilkinson

**Recording Secretary** - Frances Adams

**Treasurer** - Jo Hatton (by proxy)

In addition to above named officers, other members present were Mirtha Graydon, Kay Korby, Amy Schenck, Mary Thomas, Alice Thompson, Carlene Walker, and Sandy Simonson.

Delicious refreshments were served by Alice Thompson and Julia Wilkinson as plans for the "Annual Sunset Sing" were still the topic of conversation.

## Happy Birth Day Alexis Nicole Branch!

Marines Lance Corp. Trevis Branch and wife, Tawanna Branch are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Nicole Branch.

Alexis arrived in Jacksonville, North Carolina on April 15, 1997 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rodneys Keys of North Carolina and paternal

grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Branch of Pahokee.

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**WINNERS IN THE ESSAY CONTEST AT GDS...**Front row, L-R, Andrea Browder, 1st place in 1st grade; Brittany Carter, Overall Winner in 2nd grade; Nadia Esquivel, Overall Winner in 1st Grade, and Kaley Schlechter, 1st place in second grade. Middle row, from left, are Joey Gonzales, 2nd place in 3rd grade; R.J. Hernandez, 2nd place in 1st grade; Kael Fontaine, 2nd place in 2nd grade; Josh Tripp, 2nd place in 1st grade; and Veronica Horta, 2nd place in 2nd grade. Back row, from left, Cassie Salvatore, 3rd place in 3rd grade; Alleigh Schlechter, 3rd place in 2nd grade; Justin McNeill, 3rd place in 1st grade; Brandy Johnson, 3rd place in 2nd grade; and Leanne Robinson, 3rd place in 1st grade.

## Glades Day students win essay contest

The Belle Glade Municipal Library sponsored an essay contest for students at the elementary level at Glades Day School. Library Children's Activities Coordinator Elaine Minor presented trophies and ribbons to the winners on Monday, May 5.

Each student in grades 1-3 was asked to read three books by Ezra Jack Keats. These books included, *Peter's Chair*, *Whistle for Willie* and *The Snowy Day*.

After reading the books, the students were asked to write an essay or poem on which of the three books they liked best and why. The essays were judged on creativity, development of thought and neatness. In addition to the award winners, each student received a copy of *The Snowy Day* for participation.



**THIRD GRADER** Noelle Basore was absent when the above photo was taken. She won first place overall for her essay. She is shown with her teacher, Linda Markham.

## Photography Contest Winners at Black Gold

Many beautiful photographs were submitted in the second annual Black Gold Jubilee Photography Contest, according to Photography Chair Dianne Carter. Co-sponsored by the Black Gold Jubilee Committee and First Union Bank, the event featured three categories - Landscape/Still Life, Character, and Nature.

The winners were:

**Landscape/Still Life**  
1st place: Jane Schoenfeld,

Belle Glade, for "Airboating at Sunset"; Belle Glade, "Backyard Babies".

2nd place: M.V. Christakos, West Palm Beach, for "Dawn Before Bertha".

3rd place: Julia Wilkinson, Pahokee, "Twilight in the Glades".

**Character**

1st place: Angie Lohmann, Belle Glade, "Kissin' Cousins";

2nd place: Greadle York, Belle Glade, "Where's the Water".

3rd place: Jane Thompson,

**Nature**

1st place: Kevin Boldenow, Jupiter, "Backyard Predator"; 2nd place, Kelly Teets, "The Treehouse".

3rd place: Deborah Dulany, Belle Glade, "Flight of Freedom".

**Chairman's Choice**

Pat McKee, Belle Glade, "Precious Reflections".

## Everglades Regional to celebrate Nurses Week

Everglades Regional Medical Center in Pahokee will be celebrating National Nurses Week, May 6-12. The theme is "Nurses, Caring from the Heart."

During the week there will be an Outstanding Nurses Award Luncheon, in which

three nurses from various departments will receive an award. A Nursing Appreciation Buffet will be held Thursday, May 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. for all nurses. Drawings will be held during the buffet and the winners will receive prizes

donated by the hospital and area business. On Friday, May 9, all nurses will be given a gift by the Nursing Executives Office and Administration.

## A Mothers Day Story-Local woman is an educational inspiration

By April Stafira

"When I grow up, I want to be a doctor," once said a young Susie Stevens-McMillan, as she gave first aid to one of her baby dolls. As time went on, her interests changed; but the desire to care for others always stayed with her.

Ambition and determination and strong-willed women run on both sides of Susie's family as her grandparents were early settlers in Belle Glade. Hubert and Eunice Chamblee were here during the Great Hurricane of 1928 and moved into Belle Glade after it was rebuilt. Mrs. Eunice Chamblee carried the family business of farming after her husband's early death. Frederick and Thelma Stevens came to Belle Glade in the 1930's as Frederick was assigned to the area through the University of Florida as a sugar cane research scientist. Thelma, a school teacher, continued to work for the school system and to care for her family.

Education in the Stevens household was always a precedent as both Frederick and Patricia taught school in Belle Glade, and encouraged their children to constantly keep learning.

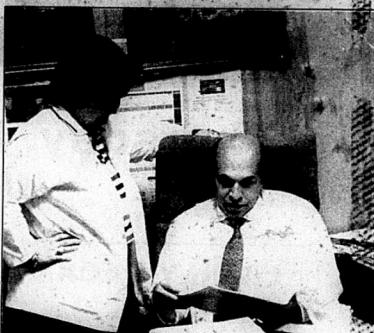
Susie graduated Glades Day High School in 1981, and attended Palm Beach Community College and Florida Atlantic University majoring in Biology/Pre-Med. In 1985, love struck and Susie marries her high school sweetheart, Jeff McMillan, and decides to teach school following in her parents' footsteps. After two years of teaching at Christian Day High School, Susie returned back to Florida Atlantic University to complete her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. The constant desire to pursue her goal of becoming a doctor was slowly fading as the demands of a new baby, husband, work, and school seemed overwhelming.

Encouragement came from everyone. At work, Glades General Hospital, support was everywhere; Dr. James Nobel - an anesthesiologist and Dr. Ahmed Barhoush - OB/GYN, convinced Susie to return to school to further her education. With her husband's and parents' support; in 1989, Susie enrolled back at Florida Atlantic University to complete her Master's Degree in Nursing.

Balancing work, school and a baby was not always easy. Susie remembers feeding her daughter, Haley, with one hand and studying for a test with the other. By 1994, Susie completed her Master's in Nursing and managed to get her second daughter, Brianne, through teething.

Now a veteran mother and student, Susie's drive to practice medicine cannot be stopped. In 1995, she enters the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners Program at Florida Atlantic University along with Registered Nurse First Assistant Program and completed them both in December of 1996.

Susie attributes her success through hard work, perseverance, determination and the love and support of her husband, children, parents, family



Go back to school and get your degree...said Dr. Ahmed Barhoush to Susie McMillan. Susie now has her own nursing practice in the Physician's Park at GGH.

and friends. "You can accomplish anything if you want to. It might just take you a while," are the words of encouragement that Susie's mother constantly told her. Susie would like to thank her mother and father for never letting her give up her dream and always supporting her through the good and bad times.

"I have made a lot of sacrifices with regards to my husband and children. They have seen me work and go to school around the clock, seven days a week. The time I have lost with them can never be replaced; but, better more prosperous times are to be had in the future. My children will always be encouraged to educate themselves and follow their dreams," said Susie.

The year 1997 marks a turning point in Susie McMillan's life. Her lifelong dream of helping others has come true. Susie has decided to keep up with her family's tradition of living and working in Belle Glade for she has opened her practice in the Physician's Park located at Glades General Hospital.



**VOLUNTEERS HONORED**...Volunteers at the C.L. Brumback Palm Beach County Health Department were honored recently. From left are: Center Administrator Denny Abbot, 20 Year Volunteer Sandra Chamblee, Active Volunteer Immacula Simpkins; Vice President of Community Relations Board of Directors and Volunteer of the Year for the Center Elizabeth Hernandez; 14 Year Volunteer Brenda Bunting and Volunteer Services Administrator Milagros Rueda.



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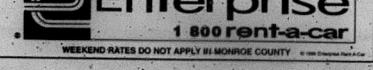
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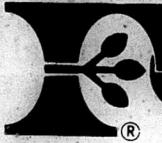
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16 oz. jar

**2/\$1.00**

and Lasagna

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Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

**5/\$1.00**

40 oz. Pkg

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8.5 oz. box

## SCHOOL NEWS &amp; EDUCATION

Glades Day School  
Gator Tales

by Karen Hansford



May 30th is almost here and it will be graduation time for the Class of '97. They can hardly wait!

National Honor Society members will be visiting elementary schools next week for the American Lung Association's "Students-Teach Students" program. The members, who participated in a training session, will be talking to the younger kids about the dangers of smoking. This is an annual project for the NHS and provides a great service for the community.

GDS congratulates the Junior Class for all their work and preparation in producing a spectacular prom. The theme was "C'est Magnifique" and featured a

Parisian setting, including the Eiffel Tower and Arc d'Triomphe. After seniors Luke Weeks and Kassy Romero were crowned king and queen of the prom, the dancing turned to more fun and games as the prom-goers stayed for the "after-prom" party.

Besides games and other entertainment, caricature artist and magician were on hand to entertain the students and chaperones. Prize drawings were also held throughout the night and two of the big winners were juniors Jennifer Kelly, who won a total of \$350 in cash, senior Jackie Alvarez, \$50 cash, and senior Matthew Snow, who won the grand prize drawing of the two American Airline tickets and two nights' stay in New York City.

Many faculty members were reassured of their good health (?) when GDS hosted a health screening session for its employees recently. Susie McMillan, a nurse with Glades General Hospital and Physicians

Park, and her assistant took blood pressures of those who participated and also provided free health information. The session proved to be so popular that they may return next fall for another screening.

This year may almost be over but Student Council sponsor Barbara Scruggs is urging student drivers to look ahead to next year by holding the second annual silent auction for reserved parking spaces. Beginning Monday, May 12, students may submit written bids for their favorite parking space. The one who has the highest bid will receive that parking space. One exception to the rule is that if a senior's bid is the same as an underclassman's, the senior will get first priority. This event proved to be popular with the students last year and also served as a good money-maker for the Student Council. They use proceeds from fund-raising projects such as this for school projects.

Students Beware: Companies Promising Free Money For College May Cost You Hundreds

West Palm Beach, FL - Spring is here and that means many college-bound seniors will be looking for every possible way to pay steep college costs. The Better Business Bureau advises students and their parents to be cautious about responding to any unsolicited offers from scholarship services that require application fees. A number of these organizations advertise that they can help student get thousands of dollars in scholarship money.

For advance fees ranging from \$12 to hundreds of dollars in scholarships or to match students with sources of funding, regardless of their qualifications or need. Some companies even "guarantee" scholarships or refunds.

In exchange for their fees,

students may receive lists of possible scholarship sources. Ron Stephens, president of the BBB in West Palm Beach said, "Some consumers complain after paying the fee and supplying the necessary information,

they never hear from the organization again or are unable to obtain refunds."

To avoid losing money when they can least afford it, students and their parents should seek out information from reputable sources. Many services advertised in these mailings are available free of charge through high school counseling offices, college financial aid offices, or libraries. Some schools even offer online computer programs for financial aid.

Consider all available options including federal, state and local aid programs; home equity loans; and scholarships, fellowships or other programs offered by colleges themselves. Many private organizations, foundations, professional clubs, and churches also provide legitimate scholarships to students.

Qualifying factors may include community activities, membership in organizations and special talents or skills.

If you are interested in

using a scholarship service, investigate the background of any unknown company by calling the Better Business Bureau for a reliability report. Ask the company to put all the details of its services and promises in writing, including the refund policy. Be suspicious of any "guaranteed" offers.

Stephens added, "Remember that while the company may make the claim that scholarships are guaranteed, prospective students should understand that only the sources actually granting the funds can guarantee approval, not the company merely providing information about possible sources of funding."

Also, you should request the names and addresses of past scholarship recipients and ask those references about their satisfaction with the company.

For "Tips on...Financial Aid for College brochure, call the Better Business Bureau at (561) 686-2200 in West Palm Beach or (561) 875-2010 in Port St. Lucie.

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How much time he gains who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, but only at what he does himself, to make it just and holy.

—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus



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ENJOYING A DAY OUTDOORS...Children's groups such as this one enjoyed spending the day outdoors at Airport Park on Friday, May 2. Pictured is the C.E.C. Head Start of South Bay.

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### Glades Day Honor Roll - Main Campus

#### 1st Grade - All A's

Dorothy Avant  
Mohammad Barhoush  
Andrea Browder  
Nadia Esquivel  
R.J. Hernandez  
Kristina Kirchman  
John Menor  
Leanna Robinson  
Lyndsy Robinson  
Josh Tripp  
Zachery Weiland  
Robby West

#### A's & B's

Sarah Anderson  
Josh Brown  
Dana Conte  
Dori Crosby  
Monica Mastroni  
Justyn McNeill  
Katelyn Tillman  
Taylor Towell

Robert Basore  
Kaele Fontaine  
Veronica Horta  
Brandy Johnson  
Michael McMillan  
Deidree Moss  
Alleigh Schlechter  
Kaley Schlechter

#### A's & B's

Brittany Carter  
John Presley Chohick  
Bobby Gummere  
Continued on page 11

#### 2nd Grade - All A's

Adriana Avila

### About "The Flotilla" Ask Me?

### Cubans next Flotillas

Saturday May 17, 1997

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Wet Polish  
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Gloss Wheel  
Polish, nozzle  
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## Glades Day Honor Roll - Main Campus

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Cameron Hatton

A.J. Hughes

Michael Mouton

J.W. Orsenigo

### 3rd Grade - All A's

Noel Slesinger

#### A's & B's

Noelle Basore

Tobin Basore

Kasey Brooker

Joey Gonzales

Amy Hooker

Nick Wingate

### 4th Grade - All A's

Jaimee Alvarez

Ginnie Anderson

Kristen Lynch

Mallory McKee

Aliana Payret

#### A's & B's

Clay Anderson

Talisa Goff

Greg Hart

Shelby Markham

Scott Robinson

Joia Williams

Nicki Willis

### 5th Grade - All A's

Preston Baez

Amanda Browder

Jenna Conte

Elizabeth Gonzales

Kasey Hawk

Leslie Levins

Amanda Orsenigo

Andrea Payret

Cristina Rionda

### 6th Grade - All A's

Natalie Alvarez

Blake Herring

Sadie McKee

Sweta Patel

Nicky Sanchez

#### A's & B's

Gary Brooks

Ronny Brown

Megan Byrd

Trey Dean

Hilary Glassman

Brian Gusmire

Justin Longoria

Brock Markham

Keenan McNamara



## Glades Day Honor Roll - West Campus

### K-5 - All A's

Kaitlyn Rodriguez

Joshua Royal

#### A's & B's

Israel Alonso

Kristin Barto

Danielle Edgecomb

Samuel Edwards

Laura Lee Hendry

Chad Lutz

Michael Merritt

Coleman Sample

Sarah Shine

Ronald Stephens

Yvna Therressaint

Elizabeth Toms

### 1st Grade - All A's

Daniel Barber

### Caleb Duff

Sara Meza

Kevin Royal

Drystral Elmore

John Stewart

#### A's & B's

Devon Edwards

Natalie Harville

De'Andra Hawk

Kyle Pelham

### 2nd Grade - All A's

Brooke Allen

Jayleny Brown

Haley McMillian

Lauren Royal

D.C. Sutterfield

### A's & B's

Renee' Escamilla

Justin Martin

Candace Pavey

Elizabeth Yance

### 3rd Grade - All A's

Jonathan Dixon

Jeffery Edwards

Travis Hendry

Russell Pate

### A's & B's

Clarence Anthony

Kirsten Duff

Bryan Royal

### 4th Grade - All A's

Karen Rodriguez

### A's & B's

Josh Chamberle

Jay Hendry

Hayley Smith

Anilin Torricilla

### 5th Grade - All A's

Eric Royal

#### A's & B's

Nathan Edwards

Henehisa Spurlock

### 6th Grade - All A's

Ashley Dixon

#### A's & B's

Jonathan Allen

## Glades Day Jr. High & High School Honor Roll

### 7th Grade - All A's

Chandra Manuel

Jeffrey Rey

### 8th Grade - All A's

Matthew Sanchez

Tania Villacres

Melanie Walker

#### A's & B's

Hela Barhoush

Charles Brown

Dustin Echenique

Sally El-Daghar

Mallory Grimes

Vanessa Horta

Erick Wingate

Jeff Woodham

### 9th Grade - All A's

Kelly Alvarez

Josh Bradcock

Lindsay Curtiss

### A's & B's

Jonathan Lively

Nisha Madhav

Crystall Brown

Kit Hamilton

Derek Lamb

Eddie Motes

Jennifer Pate

Brooke Prescott

### A's & B's

Yolandi Arundel

Julie Baumgartner

Josh Crawford

Andy Echenique

Wesley Hawk

Mark Lutz

Steven McKinley

Austin Schaper

Donnie Scruggs

Cyndi Wetherington

Dene Wood

### 10th Grade - All A's

Jackie Alvarez

Melissa Champion

Ashley Curtiss

Dorinda Shutt

Ann Tyler

### 11th Grade - All A's

Gada Halum

Mickey Stevens

### A's & B's

Nafisa Abdel-Kader

Miriam Barhoush

Tamam Barhoush

Lesley Carter

Stacey Cox

Jason Cunningham

Karen De Castro

John Holman

Stephen Lowery

Monica Schmidt

Blake Shackelford

Laura Shiver

Matthew Snow

Congratulations to the Black Gold Jubilee Committee and the women who produced the "Taste of the Glades" Cookbook. The Cookbook is a tribute to the women of the Glades and the men and their families who stood behind them.

Also, congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to make the Glades the wonderful place it is today. I salute the pioneers who struggled to develop this area.



Bobbie Mathis, Co-Editor

### Committee:



Brenda Bunting



Dianne Carter



Rosa Hernandez



Jane Schoenfeld



Dorinda Shutt



Ann Tyler

I came to the Glades in 1946 and worked in the area for 51 years. I helped build Bean City and many of the bridges in the area. I have many wonderful memories of the good people of the Glades. My daughter, Barbara Sparling, used to play tennis tournaments at the Everglades Athletic Club and had wonderful times. The Jubilee booklet and Taste of the Glades Cookbook brought back many good memories of the wonderful people who made the area what it is today. Again, Ladies, Congratulations for a job well done.

*Sincerely,*  
**Clifford Glunt, Lake Worth**



# Senior Citizen News



The West County Senior Citizens Center is located at 2916 State Road 15, in Belle Glade. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Lunch is served daily at noon. The center offers a variety of activities to keep both mind and body active. All senior citizens, regardless of financial situation, are welcome at the center. For a daily update on center activities, tune in to WSWN, 900 on the AM dial, at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. daily.

The special activities this week include:

**Thursday, May 8 -** Bingorama (Prizes Galore!)

**Friday, May 9 -** Special Mother's Day recognition Activities and Party.

**Tuesday, May 13 -** Blood Pressure Screening, Humana Health Care.

**Tuesday, May 13 -** Physical Fitness Through Bicycling.

This week's lunch menu is as follows:

**Thursday, May 8 -** Tuna Fish Salad, Tomato Vegetable Soup, Cole Slaw, Rye Bread, Lemon Pudding and Milk.

**Friday, May 9 -** Swedish Meatballs with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Wheat Bread, Fresh Orange and Milk.

**Monday, May 12 -** Chicken Cutlets with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Harvard Beets, Wheat Bread, Banana Pudding and Milk.

**Tuesday, May 13 -** Beef Patty with Onion Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrot and Cauliflower Medley, White Bread, Cookie/Graham Crackers and Milk.

**Wednesday, May 14 -** Fish Filet, Green Beans, Potato Salad with Grated Cheese, Bun, Fresh Orange and Milk.

At this time, the Senior Citizens Center would like to cordially invite everyone to the Senior Citizen Appreciation Picnic at Rardin Park, 4600 Bacon Point Road, Pahokee on Friday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Come enjoy games, raffles, special gifts and prizes and complimentary lunch. Prior reservations are required.

Transportation will be provided. Reserve your seat by calling Effe McNair, 996-4808.

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## TEST YOUR DRIVING SKILL

1. You come to an intersection and see the light is flashing red. This means:

Oa. The traffic light is broken, proceed with caution.

Ob. Stop and wait for a flashing green light.

Oc. Come to a complete stop and yield to traffic crossing in front of you.

2. During a rainstorm, your car skids. You should:

Oa. Turn the wheels into the skid and keep your foot off the brake.

Ob. Pull up the emergency brake and turn the car away from the skid.

Oc. Brake gently while keeping the steering wheel steady.

3. When you are being passed by another vehicle, you should:

Oa. Maintain speed.

Ob. Slow down a little.

Oc. Keep to the left.

4. If your left turn signal goes out, signal a left turn by:

Oa. Sticking your arm straight out the window.

Ob. Pumping the brakes and moving to the left of the road.

Oc. Sticking your arm out the window and bending it up at the elbow.

5. If you're doing 60 mph on the highway, there should be six car lengths between you and the vehicle in front of you.

Oa. True.

Ob. False.

6. When following a firetruck, always stay at least 200 feet behind it.

Oa. True.

Ob. False.

7. How often should you have the treads on your tires

checked?

Oa. Once a year.

Ob. Twice a year.

Oc. After a blowout or flat.

8. It is safest to only look straight ahead when you're driving.

Oa. True.

Ob. False.

## ANSWERS:

1. c

2. a

3. b, also keep to the right.

4. a, a bent arm signals a right turn.

5. b, false. There should be nine car lengths. Always give yourself 1.5 car lengths per ten miles of speed.

6. b, false. 500 feet, but only when its lights are flashing.

7. b, but if your car pulls to one side or is difficult to steer, don't wait; worn treads cause blowouts and flats.

8. b, false. It's best to get the overall picture. Look ahead, to the sides and in your rearview mirror.

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Position requires five years supervisory experience, experience with preventive maintenance programs and heavy equipment. Also requires working knowledge of computer programs. Interested candidates should send a resume including salary requirements to: Human Resources Director, Okeelana Corp., P.O. Box 86, 6 miles south of South Bay, South Bay, FL 33433. Drug Free workplace. EOE. M/F/D/V. 5/8

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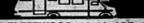
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1993 FLEETWOOD, 26x60, 3BR, 2BA, Island kitchen, appliances. 561-793-8799. 5/15

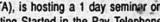
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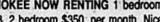
PAY TELEPHONE BUSINESS...The FL Public Telecommunications Assoc. (FPTA), is hosting a 3 day seminar on "Getting Started in the Pay Telephone Business", May 15th at the Sunrise Hilton, 3003 N. University Dr, from 9am to 3pm. Cost is \$25 (includes lunch). Call 800-927-5050 to make your reservations by May 13th for seating/lunch availability. FCAN. 5/8

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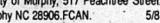
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Mr. Crosby is available for this project each Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is available to answer any questions you may have.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on May 21, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at 1040 NW 12th Street, Belle Glade, FL.

1. 1994 Buick 3 door 1G4CA2341E2K4705

2. 1996 Ford Explorer 1UJF23251JU20014

3. 1995 Mercury Grand Marquis 2dr 3M1M12464K20014

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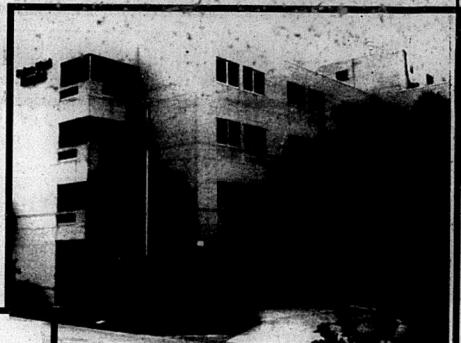
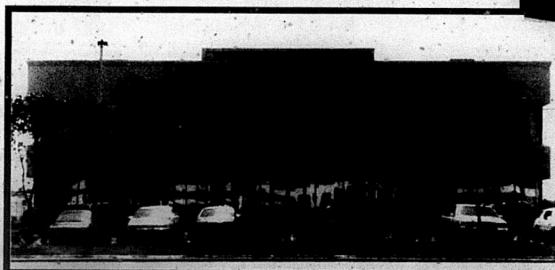
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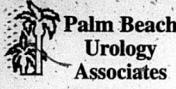
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### Columbia Palms West Hospital Receives Accreditation with Commendation.

Columbia Palms West Hospital has achieved accreditation with commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. This is the highest level of accreditation awarded by the Joint Commission, which is the nation's oldest and largest accrediting body.

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The on-site survey of Columbia Palms West Hospital occurred in September.

"Receiving Accreditation with Commendation is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance by Columbia Palms West Hospital", says Dennis S. O'Leary, M.D., President, Joint Commission. "This organization should be commended for its commitment to providing quality care to the people in the community."



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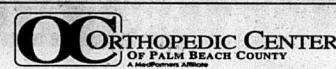
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